

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
Concerning the Proposed
Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Discharges and
Pesticide Runoff into the Lower San Joaquin River

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan to control diazinon and chlorpyrifos discharges and pesticide runoff into the lower San Joaquin River. As part of amending the Basin Plan, the Central Valley Water Board will consider certification of the draft environmental documents (included in the draft Staff Report) prepared pursuant state law. This proposed Basin Plan Amendment includes:

- Chlorpyrifos water quality objectives for the lower San Joaquin River from the Mendota Pool to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis. (Note: Diazinon objectives are considered, but not recommended by staff.)
- Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for diazinon and chlorpyrifos.
- An implementation program and a compliance schedule.
- A conditional prohibition of discharge of diazinon and chlorpyrifos.
- Policies and monitoring programs that address alternative pesticides to diazinon and chlorpyrifos.

After hearing testimony, the Central Valley Water Board may choose to act on the proposal, or may choose to close the hearing and vote on the proposal at the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 1-2, 2005. The public hearing is scheduled at the time and location noted below:

DATE: October 20 or 21
TIME: To be determined
LOCATION: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

Further information about the date, time, and location will be available approximately two weeks before the hearing at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/

The draft environmental documents included in the Draft Staff Report have been prepared for the proposed amendment. The Draft Staff Report will be available by 2 September 2005 for downloading in PDF format at:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/tmdl/sjrop/index.html>. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water

Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted by 5 October 2005 to:

Diane Beaulaurier,
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114.

At the hearing, staff will respond to written comments and present a final recommendation for Central Valley Water Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony may be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Direct questions regarding the proposed amendments to Diane Beaulaurier at dbeaulaurier@waterboards.ca.gov or at (916) 464-4637. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed by:
Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

August 29, 2005